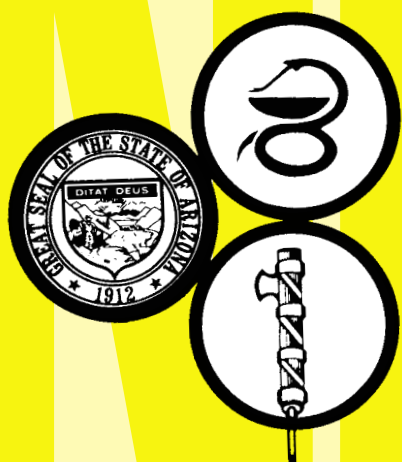


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## **Update on Pharmacy Technician Licensure**

Since May 1, 2004, the Arizona State Board of Pharmacy office has processed in excess of 500 pharmacy technician licenses (**Note:** this is probably less than 10% of all technicians employed). Please submit your applications as soon as possible in order to remain in compliance with Board statutes and administrative rules. Submission of applications by mail is preferred. Some pharmacy employers are submitting the applications as a group to be processed and delivered back to the employer(s) as a group; this process is appreciated and should result in a streamlined processing and delivery experience. The main delays in processing applications are due to submission of improper fees or a lack of the required documentation. It is always prudent to verify with our office whether or not the fees you are enclosing with your application are correct before you send in the application by contacting us. You can telephone us at 623/463-2727, or e-mail us at [info@azsbg.com](mailto:info@azsbg.com). If a person is applying for a **pharmacy technician trainee** license, the required documentation is either a high school diploma or a GED certificate and a birth certificate. Notarized copies or copies that have been certified by the pharmacist-in-charge (PIC) of the pharmacy where the technician is employed are acceptable. If a person is applying for a **certified pharmacy technician** license, the documentation required is a notarized or PIC-certified copy of the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board certificate. Certified pharmacy technician licenses are prorated for the first licensure period and assigned to an odd or even group determined by whether or not the license number ends in an odd or even number. All newly licensed **certified pharmacy technicians** will renew in October 2004. **Pharmacy technician trainee** licenses will be issued for a two-year period and will expire two years from the date issued. Persons with felony convictions will be approved/denied by the full Board at a regularly scheduled

Board meeting. The meeting schedule is on our Web site, [www.pharmacy.state.az.us](http://www.pharmacy.state.az.us).

## **New Board Substantive Policy – Transfer of Prescription Information for Prescriptions Not Filled by a Pharmacy**

The Board recently adopted a new policy on transferring prescription information for prescriptions received by, but not filled at, a pharmacy. The Board instituted the policy in response to a consumer complaint in which a prescription error occurred in the transmission of prescription information from a pharmacy in a chain to another pharmacy in the chain located in another city, pursuant to a patient's request. Incomplete documentation of the transfer occurred and, as a result, it was impossible to determine where in the transfer process the error occurred. Prescription information for prescriptions not filled but transferred to another pharmacy should be entered into the pharmacy records in the same manner as a prescription actually filled and a record of the transfer should comply with the transfer rules. The Substantive Policy is known as Policy Number 8 and is available on our Web site at [www.pharmacy.state.az.us/POLICY%20TRANSFER.htm](http://www.pharmacy.state.az.us/POLICY%20TRANSFER.htm).

Substantive Policies are a "bridge" until new administrative rules can be written and approved, a process that can take up to 24 months. Noncompliance with a Board Substantive Policy is not a matter for discipline by the Board, but a good-faith effort to comply is appreciated and will help us in our mission to protect the public.

## **Disciplinary Actions – Board of Pharmacy on May 12, 2004**

**Jeffrey Szubinski, RPh** – Revoked, impaired pharmacist contract violations.

**Albertson's #983** – Civil Penalty (fine) and six (6) months Probation, outdated non-prescription drugs.

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**Bashas's United #19** – Civil Penalty (fine) and one (1) year Probation, outdated non-prescription drugs.

**Alan Clendenin** – Revoked May 12, 2004, impaired pharmacist contract violations.

**ESI Mail Pharmacy Service dba Express Scripts** – Stipulated Order to Stay Proceedings.

## **Disciplinary Actions – Other Health Care Practitioner Boards**

*Notice: Before making a prescription-dispensing or other decision pursuant to information in this issue, you are encouraged to verify the current condition of a license with the appropriate licensing agency (Board).*

**Moshe Hachamovitch, MD** – Revoked, December 16, 2003.

**Jeffrey M. Pont, MD** – Voluntary License Surrender, April 15, 2004.

**Howard H. Robertson, MD** – Voluntary License Surrender, April 15, 2004.

**Jeri B. Hassman, MD** – Probation & Censure, March 10, 2004.

**Shel-Don Legarreta, MD** – No prescribing until Board approval, March 10, 2004.

**James D. Morrison, MD** – Voluntary License Surrender, March 10, 2004.

**Jacqueline S. Silkey, MD** – No prescribing until Board approval, March 10, 2004.

**Gregory Sorokin, MD** – Voluntary License Surrender, March 10, 2004.

**Mark R. Mouritsen, MD** – No prescribing until Board approval, March 10, 2004.

**Gary Ehlers, PA** – No CII and CIII prescriptions for two (2) years, February 26, 2004.

**James A. Weaver, DDS** – CII, CIII, CIV prescriptions issued in triplicate until 16 hours of continuing education complete, one (1) year probation, October 30, 2003.

**Gregory M. Joseph, DDS** – Prohibition on Storing or Dispensing Controlled Substances, two (2) year probation, August 7, 2003.

**Jerrold K. Altman, DMD** – No Controlled Substance Prescribing, two (2) year probation, June 11, 2003.

**Monte Begay Wells, DD** – CII, CIII, CIV, prescriptions issued in triplicate, two (2) year probation, June 9, 2003.

**Matthew C. Nolen, DDS** – Revoked, December 16, 2003.

**Mireya D. Ruiz, DDS** – Revoked, December 5, 2003.

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